

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

For the paragraph beginning on page 11/49, line 3:

~~FIGS. 15a and 15b~~ FIGS. 15A and 15B illustrate a flowchart of a fifth preferred method of prioritizing users and allocating bandwidth;

~~FIGS. 16a and 16b~~ FIGS. 16A and 16B illustrate a flowchart of a sixth preferred method of prioritizing users and allocating bandwidth;

For the paragraph beginning on page 30/50, line 13:

Both preferred method of 1500 of ~~FIGS. 15a and 15b~~ FIGS. 15A and 15B, and preferred method 1600 of ~~FIGS. 16a and 16b~~ FIGS. 16A and 16B differ from the other methods 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400 in that these two methods allocate bandwidth to the users in multiple allocation rounds. Method 1500 begins in ~~FIG. 15a~~ FIG. 15A with the retrieval (Step 1502) of the forecasted bandwidths of the users as well as a credit (C) that applies if a respective user does not receive up to a guaranteed maximum level of bandwidth.

For the paragraph beginning on page 32/50, line 14:

Method 1600 of ~~FIGS. 16a and 16b~~ FIGS. 16A and 16B differs from that of ~~FIGS. 16a and 16b~~ FIGS. 15A and 15B only in that the sum of the forecasted bandwidths for all users is

calculated (Step 1602) and a determination is made (Step 1604) whether the sum exceeds the total bandwidth available to the users.